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For: ACCESSORY FOR A LIQUID CONTAINER, IN PARTICULAR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS :

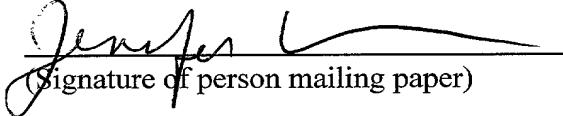
Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please add new claims 22-44 as follows:

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22. Accessory for a liquid container, in particular a beverage container, such as a glass or a cup, comprising a main body and two clamping members to be placed on either side of the upper edge of the liquid container and integrally formed with the main body, which in unloaded situation leave an insertion opening for the edge open, the first clamping member intended for engagement of the inner side of the liquid container being provided with at least two first clamping surfaces spaced apart in edge circumferential direction and the second clamping member intended for engagement of the outer side of the liquid container being provided with a second clamping surface situated in between them, in which the first clamping member is provided with portions extending with a directional component in edge direction, on which portions the first clamping surface are situated, which portions are deformable, in particular bendable, in a plane parallel to the plane in which the edge of the liquid container is situated.

23. Accessory according to claim 22, the two first clamping surfaces, as seen in circumferential direction, being situated at the ends of the accessory.

24. Accessory according to claim 22, said portions being elastically deformable.

25. Accessory according to claim 24, the two first clamping surfaces being spring mounted with respect to the second clamping member and/or spring mounted with respect to each other.

26. Accessory according to claim 24, the two first clamping surfaces being spring mounted with respect to each other.

27. Accessory according to claim 22, the first clamping surfaces being provided with edges that face away from each other, which edges have a convex course, the convex curve preferably being such that the centre or centres of said curve will be situated in an area between both first clamping surfaces.

28. Accessory according to claim 22, the first clamping member substantially having the shape of a band which may or may not be partially circumferential, such as half a ring or an at least almost complete ring.

29. Accessory according to claim 22, the first and the second clamping member being springily connected to each other, in particular springy in a vertical plane.

30. Accessory according to claim 22, the first and second clamping member defining an inverted U-shape in a vertical cross-sectional plane, which U-shape defines an accommodation space for a liquid container.

31. Accessory according to claim 22, the first clamping member in unloaded position being substantially situated in one flat plane.

32. Accessory according to claim 22, the second clamping member itself forming a holder, for holding an added object,

33. Accessory according to claim 32. the holder itself comprising third and fourth clamping members for holding the added object through clamping, which two clamping members are formed on respective arms which extend from both first clamping surfaces.

34. Accessory according to claim 33, the arms being spring mounted with respect to each other.

35. Accessory according to claim 33, the third and fourth clamping members being situated opposite each other's side that faces away from their own clamping surface, the arms, as seen from above, extending with a portion in circumferential direction of the liquid container.

36. Accessory according to claim 33, the third and fourth clamping members having a decorative shape.

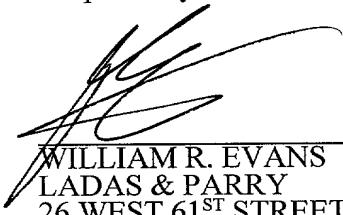
37. Accessory according to claim 33, the third and fourth clamping members being flat.

38. Accessory according to claim 37, the third and fourth clamping members being provided with relatively rough or profiled surfaces for improved grip.
39. Accessory according to claim 22, the second clamping member forming a one-piece aid, such as a swizzle stick.
40. Accessory according to claim 22, the first clamping member forming an information carrying part, situated between both clamping members.
41. Accessory according to claim 22, the main body being situated radially outside of the liquid container.
42. Accessory according to claim 22, being formed as one unity.
43. Accessory according to claim 42, being made of a synthetic material.
44. Accessory for a liquid container, in particular a beverage container, such as a glass or a cup having a vertical axis, comprising a main body and two clamping members to be placed on either side of the upper edge of the liquid container and integrally formed with the main body, which in unloaded situation leave an insertion opening for the edge open, the first clamping member intended for engagement of the inner side of the liquid container being provided with at least two first clamping surfaces spaced apart in edge circumferential direction and the second clamping member intended for engagement of the outer side of the liquid container being provided with a second clamping surface situated in between them, in which the first clamping member is provided with portions extending with a directional component in edge direction, on which portions the first clamping surfaces are situated, which portions are deformable, in particular bendable, about an axis parallel to said vertical axis.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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